

THE PANAMA CANAL NOW BELONGS TO US

Court at Paris Decides Against
Colombian Government.

According to Washington Reports
Postmaster General Payne
Is to Resign.

TWO TRUST COMPANIES CLOSE.

Paris, March 31.—All obstacles to the transfer of the Panama canal to the United States was removed by a decision today by the Seine Civil Tribunal in the case of Colombia against the Panama Canal Company. The court holds for the defendant.

BIG COMPANY ASSIGNS.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 31.—The Federal Trust Company made an assignment this morning. The assignment was decided upon because Geo. F. Clewell, the Secretary-Treasurer, is absent from the city and cannot be located. It has deposits of eight hundred thousand dollars but the concern is heavily backed financially.

POSTMASTER GENERAL TO RESIGN.

Washington, D. C., March 31.—The prospects are that Postmaster General Payne will resign in a few weeks on account of poor health. First Assistant Postmaster General Wynne will probably be his successor.

TRUST COMPANY CLOSED.

Boston, March 31.—The Union Trust Company closed its doors today by order of the State Banking Department. It has a capital of one hundred thousand dollars with deposits of a million and a half.

COSTLY SMOKE

The E. Rice Plant Burned at
Greenville, Ky.

Was at One Time Worth \$75,000—
450,000 Pounds of Tobacco
Destroyed.

Greenville, Ky., March 31.—The large tobacco factory of E. Rice was destroyed by fire at 2 o'clock this morning. It was a very large plant and the buildings were at one time worth about \$75,000. About 450,000 pounds of tobacco were burned, together with the machinery bringing the loss up to \$20,000 with only \$3,000 insurance. Fifty hands were thrown out of employment. The plant will not be rebuilt. The fire is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

COME TO LIFE.

GROVER EXPRESSES SENTIMENTS
AGREEING WITH
HIS PARTY.

Palm Beach, Fla., March 31.—Grover Cleveland has written a letter to Richard Watson Gilder, editor of the Century, now convalescing here, in which he is reported saying that no combination of circumstances could bring him before the voters of the country again.

FIERCE FIGHTING.

TWO BULGARIANS AND TWELVE
GREEKS KILLED.

Vienna, March 31.—A dispatch today reports fierce fighting in the Monastir district, in which twelve Greeks and over twenty Bulgarians were killed.

MARRIAGE IN GRAVES.

Mayfield, Ky., March 31.—Mr. S. M. Rober and Miss I. D. Scales were married. Mr. Rober is a prosperous young farmer near Fryorsburg.

VINCENNES WILL BE IN THE LEAGUE

The K. I. T. Officers Decide
Against Jackson, Tenn.

The Schedule Committee Will Now
Get to Work on
Dates.

LOCAL WORK BEGINS

The full membership of the Kitty league has been fixed by the decision of President Thompson and Secretary Farnbaker, Vincennes being accepted in lieu of Jackson, Tenn.

The membership of the league is as follows: Paducah, Cairo, Henderson, Vincennes, Clarksville and Hopkinsville. The battle for membership between Jackson and Vincennes was hot but the latter finally conquered. This was because the Indiana town can have Sunday baseball, while Jackson cannot.

The schedule committee will get to work immediately on a schedule, now that the league membership is complete, and will have a satisfactory schedule ready before the starting of the season.

Harry Chaney is manager of the Vincennes team and is already signing players. He announces that he intends to make it hot for the league teams as he is going after the hottest players to be had within the salary limit.

Manager John S. Ray and laborers are at work at Wallace park baseball grounds today raking the diamond and putting it in shape for the first game of the season on the 3rd. The grounds will be put in temporary shape only until after the Cincinnati team plays here next week, but will be thoroughly overhauled and put in the best condition possible.

"I have a team fit to enter a league with an \$1,800 salary limit," manager Ray stated in discussing the men he had picked, "and am confident that we will win the pennant in a walk over. Out of the two dozen men we have had to pick from, we have taken those we know are ball players, and who have already made reputations on the diamond. Red Gilligan, who played with the best teams in the southern and eastern leagues, will play the infield or outfield either, and with Viloet, Bateman, Virgils and Brady, will give Paducah a string of sprinters to be equalled nowhere. Brady is a fast sprinter having won many one hundred yard dashes over college men and professional sprinters."

None of the men have yet arrived except the catcher.

SIX KILLED

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION IN A
SCRANTON, PA., FACTORY.

Scranton, Pa., March 31.—Six persons lost their lives today by the explosion in the Dickinson squib factory. Many were burned and bodies were found two blocks from the scene. Many were badly injured. A squib is a small fuse used to explode charges in coal mines.

TOBACCO BILL

Washington, March 31.—The subcommittee of the ways and means committee has reported favorably the bill drawn by John W. Yerkes, removing the tax on leaf tobacco. This is the measure urged by Hopkins, Stanley and Trimble.

RULED OUT

Newhaven, Conn., March 31.—Wm. J. Bryan loses his contest for the admission of the seated letter in the Bennett will controversy, according to a decision rendered by Judge Gager today. It was decided the letter could not be admitted according to Connecticut law.

THE JAPANESE ARE UNDAUNTED

They Seem Determined to Tie
Up the Russian Fleet.

Have Many Old Steamships Ready
to Sink in the
Gap.

NO STARTLING NEWS TODAY

St. Petersburg, March 31.—The newspaper Novosti says that Port Arthur has markedly changed since the opening of hostilities, and all trains from that city are full of fugitives. Military people are almost the only persons left in the port, which resembles a city of the dead.

WILL SEAL PORT ARTHUR.

Nagasaki, March 31.—The Japanese government is determined to complete the sealing of Port Arthur.

Admiral Togo's latest effort left only a small gap in the barrier of sunken ships. To insure the closing of this pass, twenty-eight old steamships are in course of preparation. They are being stripped of all but their machinery and will be driven full tilt at the harbor in squadrons of six until the gap is filled.

If any one of the steamers gains entrance to the roadstead between the sunken Yohiko Maru and the Yonoyama Maru, the act will be accomplished and the Russian fleet will no longer be a factor in the war. In any event though the whole twenty-eight vessels have to be sacrificed, ships will be sunken so thickly about the harbor entrance as to make it impossible for anything larger than a torpedo boat to thread its way out.

STILL ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

Rome, March 31.—Telegrams received here from Seoul, Korea, state that the Russians retired in disorder after the repulse by the Japanese at Chong Ju Monday. The fleeing troops left many rifles and stores behind, in their haste. General Mischenko, in command of the Russian forces, narrowly escaped capture.

BALOONS CUT OFF.

St. Petersburg, March 31.—Word was received today that Japanese have destroyed the Russian aerostatic reservation in Manchuria, thus effectually cutting off the connection with balloons which have been used by the Russians for reconnoitering purposes.

STOPPED BY RUSSIANS.

London, March 31.—The New Chwang correspondent of the Times telegraphs that the captains of British ships which have arrived at New Chwang report that the Russian fleet stopped them eight miles from Port Arthur.

CANNOT APPROACH BATTERIES

St. Petersburg, March 31.—According to an order issued by General Stoessel, commandant at Port Arthur, unauthorized persons are forbidden to approach fortifications and batteries and sentries are ordered to shoot to kill any one disobeying the order.

NO PRISONERS ACCEPT.

Berlin, March 31.—It is reported here that the offer of the Czar Nicholas to pardon any political prisoner in Russia who would volunteer for the front has not been accepted in a single instance.

COAL FOR JAPS.

Liverpool, March 31.—It is reported here that an English firm is sending a hundred thousand tons of coal ostensibly for China, but in reality for the Japanese government.

MINERS STRIKE

14,000 IN IOWA QUIT WORK TO-
DAY.

Des Moines, Iowa, March 31.—Fourteen thousand miners are idle in Iowa today as a result of the strike decided upon this morning. Every mine in the state is closed. A proposed reduction in wages is the cause.

OUR BUSY POLICE GET MANY CASES

Some Heavy Fines Assessed in
Police Court today.

Negro Who Resisted Officer Will
Work on Streets a Long
Time.

MYSTERIOUS BOTTLES FOUND

A large and variegated docket was enjoyed by the habitues of Judge Sanders' court this morning.

Henry Armistead, alias Armstrong, colored, who resisted and assaulted Officer Wm. Estes day before yesterday, will work for the city awhile. He choked the officer and scratched his face. He was fined \$100 and costs for resisting an officer, \$25 and costs for being drunk and disorderly, and \$25 and costs for a breach of the peace.

George Meadows, white, is charged with stealing some flour belonging to the Given & Clark grocery. It is alleged he took it out of an N. O. and St. L. box car. John Fisher, a colored boy, was arrested with some of the stolen flour, and claims he got it from Meadows, who says he can prove he isn't guilty.

James Farrell, the man alleged to have drawn his pistol in saloons to get drinks, was fined \$50 and costs.

The case against Dan Watson, white, and Ellis McClelland and Frank Ward, colored, all boys, for a fight they had on the Sixth street bridge, in which one of the negroes was cut, was continued.

W. W. Bartlett was fined \$5 and costs for being drunk.

Ed Stubblefield, colored, for carrying concealed a pistol, was fined \$50 and given ten days in jail.

Alex Hughes, colored, formerly cook on the Clyde, will not cook again for a long time. He was charged with striking a white rooster, A. M. Norman, in the head with a cleaver because the rooster wanted his dinner. Norman lives up Tennessee river and is reported suffering more now from the wound than at first and blood poisoning may develop. Hughes swore he didn't strike the man, but other witnesses swore he did. He was held for malicious assault, and also for false swearing, his bond being \$300 in each case.

Charles Broadus, colored, charged with breaking into Griffin's shoe shop, was held to answer, being caught with some of the property in his possession. He tried to establish an alibi but failed.

A case against Wm. Goulich and Charles Myers, found in a box car, was continued.

Irone Watkins and Annie Bolin, colored, were fined \$5 and costs and \$20 and costs respectively for fighting.

Walter Sheely was dismissed on charge of breach of the peace.

MYSTERIOUS BOTTLES.

There are at the city hall [two mysterious bottles half filled with gun powder. The corks are slit in such a way that a fuse could be inserted. The fuses were in the bottles ready to light when first found, but got lost in handling them later on.

Who got up the bottles and for what purpose is the mystery. They are apollinaris bottles and have enough powder in them to blow up several men.

Chief of Police James Collins says the bottles were found in the room of Patrol Driver John Austin, who sleeps near the city hall in the patrol wagon house. He does not know who put them there, or whether they were for a joke or were meant to blow up the well known officer.

Driver Austin is the man who executed the dogs several days ago, and some of the officers claim that some one "had it in for him" on that account and tried to make way with him.

The general opinion is, however, that some one tried to play a joke on the officer.

THE SPECIAL TERM IS ABOUT OVER

Petit Jurors Dismissed in Circuit
Court Today.

George Wyatt Gets Five Years for
Forgery—Docket Is About
Cleared.

THE OTHER COURT NEWS

All the petit jurors except those in the trial against George Day, were today finally discharged. After this case has been finished the court will hear no more cases until the regular term, which begins Monday.

The motion for a new trial in the case against John Mann, white, for robbery, was overruled. Mann was given two years for robbing Jim Rogers of his watch.

George Wyatt, colored, who was yesterday tried in circuit court for forgery, was found guilty by the jury and given five years in prison.

Wyatt went into the saloon of Bud Quarles last summer and presented a railroad check for a small amount, alleging it was his check. The check proved to be a forgery and he was arrested in Fulton and brought here for trial. There was a great deal of evidence in the case, requiring the attendance of Officer Robertson and Marshal Walker, of Fulton, and also John Rhodes, a convict from Eddyville.

This afternoon Judge Reed had all the prisoners brought before him and at press time was sentencing them. Lon Fuqua, colored, who received a life sentence, made a motion for a new trial and this being refused asked for an appeal. The sentence of life imprisonment was pronounced and judgment suspended pending the appeal.

INTERESTING CASE TRIED.

Justice R. J. Barber yesterday afternoon partially heard the evidence in a very peculiar case, and has reserved his decision on a demurrer filed, which necessitates the holding up of the case for a few days, until Saturday.

The style of the suit is K. P. Dangley against H. P. Hawkins & Son, and was brought to recover an alleged account for hay amounting to \$70. The defendant then brought in a counter claim for \$235 and the plaintiff then filed a demurrer to the defendant's answer setting forth the plea of the jurisdiction of the court.

In magistrates' courts the maximum amount is fixed at \$100 and this the counter claim exceeds. Justice Barber has reserved his decision on the demurrer until Saturday.

DEEDS.

Dora Bridges to Willie Temple, for \$500, property on Ohio street.

Joe McAnaney and others to Willie Temple, for \$300, property near 10th and Bookman streets.

E. W. Whittemore to Eva Parrish, for \$65, property in the Hayes addition.

JUSTICE YOUNG'S COURT.

Will McClure, colored, has been arrested for gaming by Constable A. C. Shelton and his trial is set for Saturday before Justice Jesse Young.

Newport, Ark.—City Marshal T. S. Stephens on Tuesday shot V. G. Richardson, of Alicia, who was disturbing the peace, in self-defense.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

(Furnished by Paducah Commission Co., 109 Broadway.)

WHEAT	HIGH	LOW	CLOS.
May.....	95 1/2	95 1/8	95 1/2
July.....	89 1/2	89 1/8	89 1/2
CORN			
May.....	56 1/2	56 1/8	56 1/2
July.....	53 1/2	53 1/8	53 1/2
OATS			
May.....	42 1/2	42 1/8	42 1/2
July.....	39 1/2	39 1/8	39 1/2
COTTON			
May.....	15 1/2	15 1/8	15 1/2
July.....	14 1/2	14 1/8	14 1/2
Aug.....	14 1/2	14 1/8	14 1/2
Sept.....	13 1/2	13 1/8	13 1/2
Oct.....	12 1/2	12 1/8	12 1/2
STOCKS			
I. C.....			130 1/2
L. & N.....			108 1/2
M. P.....			93 1/2
U. S.....			1 1/2
U. S. P.....			5 1/2

A NEW CONCERN IS ORGANIZED HERE

The Home Purchasing Company
to Begin Business.]

At the Head Are Some of the Best
Known Business Men of
Paducah.

\$300,000 CAPITAL STOCK.

The People's Home Purchasing Company, a corporation with a capital of three hundred thousand dollars has been incorporated by Paducah capitalists.

The object of this institution is to sell homes to individuals upon the installment plan, that those desirous of becoming their own landlords can do so at less cost than their rent.

The officers and directors of the company contemplate the opening and operating throughout the Southern and Western States in the near future which will bring thousands of dollars monthly into the city of Paducah in premiums which will greatly benefit the city, and enhance the banking interests.

The officers and directors of the company are the best known business men of the city. Mr. W. B. Smith vice president and general manager of the Globe Bank and Trust Company, is president of the company. Mr. W. J. Hills, Supt. of the N. O. & St. L. R. Co., is vice-president of the company. Mr. G. D. Palmer, is secretary and Mr. H. H. Loving, cashier of the Globe Bank and Trust Co., is treasurer.

The directors and stock holders of the company are among the best and most substantial business men of the city of Paducah, while a large portion of the capital stock is held by Eastern capitalists.

The company has fitted up offices in the Fraternity building.

NEW CLAIM AGENTS

Illinois Central to Make Important
Appointments.

There Will Be Three to Look After
Stock Claims South of the Ohio.

Tomorrow a number of changes in the claim department of the Illinois Central will take place. There are to be three agents stationed south of the Ohio River to look after stock claims, exclusively.

H. S. McGavock will be located in Memphis in charge of the Memphis and Tennessee division of the Illinois Central.

J. T. Leggett, of Magnolia, Miss., will be transferred to Vicksburg in charge of the division on the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley.

An appointment will be necessary to supply the vacancy at Jackson, Miss. M. C. Payne, of Fulton, Ky., will handle strictly personal injuries for the Illinois Central.

J. T. Read will be stationed at Memphis to look exclusively after personal injuries for the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley.

W. F. McCauley, of Chicago, claim agent of the Illinois Central, for that division, which is the most important on the system, is in Memphis assisting in shaping things for the change.

STILL RISING.

AND THERE IS MUCH SUFFERING FROM THE FLOOD.

Petersburg, Ind., March 31.—The river here continues to rise and hundreds of people are homeless. There is much suffering in the country where the people are being taken from houses in skiffs, and cattle is hoisted to the upper floors of barns. Many will lose all their possessions.